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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

25X1C Drewitz Airfield

EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE PREPARED 22 August 1951

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. Construction work had not started at Drewitz airfield on 23 July 1951. According to local residents, billets for laborers who were to be employed at the field had to be provided in Drewitz.
2. No changes in the status of the field were observed on 16 and 27 July. There was no activity at the field.
3. Source obtained the following from an informant. The barracks installations north of the hangar were built by the Soviets after the war. They were occupied by officer pilot trainees who practiced flying with twin-engine aircraft. When Cottbus airfield became operational the pilot training course was transferred there. ** Most of the unguarded barracks installations were then stripped by local residents. Upon an inspection of Cottbus airfield by Soviet officers, the barracks installations were being reconditioned. The old hangar was demolished and the lumber was trucked away. Drewitz airfield was to be reconstructed in the near future. A hard surface runway suitable for jet aircraft was to be built. Therefore, the area of the field will probably be enlarged toward the north and northeast. The field will have to be completed in 1951. A construction firm from Kamenz, which was previously employed at Welzow airfield, will have to send 2,000 to 3,000 laborers to Drewitz. *** An advance party of the firm was already engaged in surveying the field. Laborers of the Huetttenkombinat Ost (Iron Works Combine East) are also to be employed at the field. The barracks installations available are to be used as quarters for the laborers. New permanent barracks installations are to be constructed. It is planned to lay a spur track from Jaenschwalde railroad station or to the nearest block station toward Guben. Enlarging of the field area would require extensive clearing of woods. Employees of the Kamenz construction firm did surveying at the field during the week prior to 27 July. Construction will probably start upon completion of Welzow airfield.

Comment. It is known from a previous report that Drewitz airfield is intended to be improved. [REDACTED] No details are available on the scheduled construction except for the hard surface runway.

Comment. The airfield has been used as an alternate airfield between April and August 1951 by the bomber regiment stationed at Cottbus airfield.

*** Comment. Improvement work at Welzow airfield was previously reported. [REDACTED] The target date for the completion of its runway is August 1951. Work in Welzow has not been completed.

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